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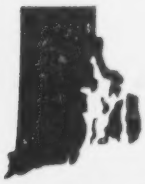

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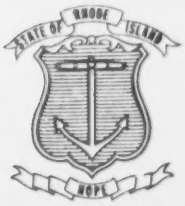


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## RHODE ISLAND EMPLOYMENT TOTALS 451,000 IN JUNE

Overall Rhode Island employment decreased slightly in June as gains in the Manufacturing sector were more than offset by seasonal declines in the Nonmanufacturing sector, reported John S. Renza, Director of the Rhode Island Department of Employment Security.

According to preliminary estimates prepared by the Department of Employment Security, in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, Rhode Island employment totalled 451,000 in June. While this figure represents a drop of 200 from the May level, it is 6,100 above the June 1986 total of 444,900.

### MANUFACTURING

Total manufacturing employment in Rhode Island advanced by 400 in June to 120,400. In addition, this figure represents 500 more jobs than the year ago level of 119,900. In the Durable Goods category, the June employment total of 82,300 was up 200 from last month and showed a gain of 100 compared to a year ago. Employment in the Nondurable Goods sector increased by 200 on a monthly basis to the current level of 38,100, which was 400 jobs more than the total recorded in June 1986.

Within the Durable Goods category, monthly job gains were posted in Lumber/Furniture, Primary Metals and Jewelry-Silverware (+100 each). Employment in Fabricated Metals was down 100, while the remaining Durable Goods industries showed no change from last month. Compared to a year ago, the most sizable advance occurred in Jewelry-Silverware (+500), followed by increases in

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## RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE MEANS DOLLARDS AND SENSE TO EMPLOYERS

If you are a Rhode Island employer expanding to a second or third shift or who plans to add another location, you'll need additional workers. The Rhode Island Job Service can help you meet these needs.

Through its statewide network of local offices, the Job Service is prepared to answer your call for workers. Trained professional interviewers are able to offer a complete range of employer services to both employers and job-seekers — special worker recruitment, screening, referral and placement. There is no fee charged to either employer or job-seeker for any of these services.

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## RHODE ISLAND JOB SERVICE OFFICES

BRISTOL COUNTY, 470 Metacom Ave. . . . .245-9300
EAST PROVIDENCE, 877 Broadway . . . . . 277-3546
NEWPORT COUNTY, 73 Valley Road
Middletown, . . . . . .847-3680
PAWTUCKET, 109 Main St. . . . . .722-7500
PROVIDENCE, 130 West Exchange St.
Employer Services . . . . . .277-3573
Jewelry . . . . . .277-3553
Manufacturing & Construction . . . . . .277-3556
Professional & Clerical . . . . . .277-3584
Temporary Help . . . . . .277-3559
NO. PROVIDENCE, 1951 Smith St. . . . . .231-5293
WAKEFIELD, Washington County Gov't. Center
Tower Hill Road . . . . . .789-9721
WARWICK, 50 Airport Road. . . . . .737-7550
WESTERLY, 57 Spruce Street . . . . . .596-2814
WEST WARWICK, 1330 Main St. . . . . .828-6134
WOONSOCKET, 217 Pond St. . . . . .762-9010

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TJTC Job Orders. . . . . .277-3588
CALL-A-TEEN . . . Call your local Job Service Office
Project STEADY. . . . . .277-6813

### EMPLOYMENT SERVICE ACTIVITIES

| | June 1987 | May 1987 | June 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Placements | 695 | 853 | 1,003 |
| New Applications | 2,308 | 2,116 | 2,586 |
| New Openings Rec'd. | 2,600 | 2,581 | 2,525 |

### EMPLOYMENT SECURITY ACTIVITIES

| | June 1987 | May 1987 | % Change May 1987 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Initial Claims | 8,679 | 4,937 | + 75.8 |
| No. of Payments | 38,110 | 35,688 | + 6.8 |
| Amt. of Payments | $ 4,992,850 | $ 4,590,999 | + 8.8 |
| Exhaustions | 970 | 999 | - 2.9 |

### TEMPORARY DISABILITY INSURANCE ACTIVITIES

| | June 1987 | May 1987 | June 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Initial Claims | 3,851 | 3,351 | 3,460 |
| No. of Payments | 27,614 | 24,919 | 23,115 |
| Amt. of Payments | $ 4,306,041 | $ 3,871,352 | $ 3,021,452 |

### RHODE ISLAND
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

| | June 1987 | May 1987 | June 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 518.4 | 518.8 | 514.4 |
| Unemployment | 20.0 | 19.9 | 20.2 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.9 |
| Seas. Adjusted Rate | 4.0 | 4.0 | 4.0 |

### PROVIDENCE
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

| | May 1987 | Apr. 1987 | May 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 337.3 | 333.9 | 333.1 |
| Unemployment | 12.5 | 13.6 | 12.8 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 3.7 | 4.1 | 3.8 |

### PAWTUCKET-WOONSOCKET-ATTLEBORO
Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates
(In thousands)

| | May 1987 | Apr. 1987 | May 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 167.3 | 165.9 | 165.1 |
| Unemployment | 7.5 | 8.4 | 7.5 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 4.5 | 5.1 | 4.5 |

### NEWPORT Labor Area
Labor Force-Unemployment Estimates

| | May 1987 | Apr. 1987 | May 1986 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Civilian Labor Force | 35,600 | 34,235 | 35,640 |
| Unemployment | 1,145 | 1,240 | 1,010 |
| Rate (Unadjusted) | 3.2 | 3.6 | 2.8 |

### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE INSURED UNEMPLOYED
May 18-22, 1987

| Sex and Age | Number | Percent |
|---|---|---|
| Total | 9,718 | 100.0 |
| Men | 4,839 | 49.8 |
| Under 45 | 3,355 | 69.3 |
| 45 and over | 1,484 | 30.7 |
| Women | 4,879 | 50.2 |
| Under 45 | 2,897 | 59.4 |
| 45 and Over | 1,982 | 40.6 |
| **Industry Attachment** | | |
| Contract Construction | 970 | 10.0 |
| Manufacturing | 5,226 | 53.8 |
| Public Utilities | 235 | 2.4 |
| Wholesale and Retail | 1,469 | 15.1 |
| Finance, Insurance & Real Estate | 194 | 2.0 |
| Service | 1,400 | 14.4 |
| All Other | 224 | 2.3 |
| **Occupational Skills** | | |
| Prof., Tech. and Managerial | 1,040 | 10.7 |
| Clerical and Sales | 1,899 | 19.6 |
| Service | 998 | 10.3 |
| Fishery, Forestry & Rel. Occ. | 42 | 0.4 |
| Processing | 305 | 3.1 |
| Machine Trades | 1,248 | 12.8 |
| Bench Work | 1,622 | 16.7 |
| Structural Work | 1,345 | 13.8 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,165 | 12.0 |
| INA | 54 | 0.6 |

## TOTAL ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT IN RHODE ISLAND

| | EMPLOYMENT IN THOUSANDS | | | NET CHANGE FROM | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | June 1987 | May 1987 | June 1986 | May 1987 | June 1986 |
| TOTAL EMPLOYMENT * | 451.0 | 451.2 | 444.9 | - 200 | + 6,100 |
| MANUFACTURING | 120.4 | 120.0 | 119.9 | + 400 | + 500 |
| NONMANUFACTURING | 330.6 | 331.2 | 325.0 | - 600 | + 5,600 |
| CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION | 18.9 | 18.4 | 18.3 | + 500 | + 600 |
| TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES | 15.1 | 14.9 | 14.9 | + 200 | + 200 |
| TRADE (Wholesale & Retail) | 101.7 | 100.1 | 100.6 | + 1,600 | + 1,100 |
| FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE | 25.5 | 25.4 | 25.1 | + 100 | + 400 |
| SERVICE (Miscellaneous) | 110.7 | 113.2 | 108.5 | - 2,500 | + 2,200 |
| GOVERNMENT (Federal, State & Local) | 58.7 | 59.2 | 57.6 | - 500 | + 1,100 |

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* Farmers, Self-employed, Domestic and Armed Services personnel are excluded.
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## ESTABLISHMENT EMPLOYMENT, EARNINGS AND HOURS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES IN R.I.

| | EMPLOYMENT | | | | | PRODUCTION-WORKER AVERAGES | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | In Thousands | | | Net Change From | | Weekly Earnings | | Weekly Hours | | Hourly Earnings | |
| INDUSTRY GROUP | June 1987 | May 1987 | June 1986 | May 1987 | June 1986 | June 1987 | June 1986 | June 1987 | June 1986 | June 1987 | June 1986 |
| ALL MANUFACTURING | 120.4 | 120.0 | 119.9 | +400 | +500 | 331.68 | 321.94 | 40.4 | 40.7 | 8.21 | 7.91 |
| DURABLE GOODS | 82.3 | 82.1 | 82.2 | +200 | +100 | 327.65 | 320.69 | 40.5 | 40.8 | 8.09 | 7.86 |
| LUMBER/FURNITURE | 3.5 | 3.4 | 3.4 | +100 | +100 | 395.79 | 383.05 | 41.1 | 41.1 | 9.63 | 9.32 |
| STONE-CLAY-GLASS | 1.7 | 1.7 | 1.8 | - | -100 | 416.57 | 402.52 | 40.8 | 40.7 | 10.21 | 9.89 |
| PRIMARY METALS | 5.5 | 5.4 | 5.2 | +100 | +300 | 407.21 | 393.50 | 43.0 | 43.1 | 9.47 | 9.13 |
| FABRICATED METALS | 9.8 | 9.9 | 9.6 | -100 | +200 | 314.24 | 294.26 | 40.6 | 40.7 | 7.74 | 7.23 |
| NONELECTRIC MACH. | 5.9* | 5.9* | 5.9* | - | - | 444.53 | 438.77 | 43.2 | 44.5 | 10.29 | 9.86 |
| ELECTRICAL MACHINERY | 12.1 | 12.1 | 12.3 | - | -200 | 311.47 | 296.61 | 41.2 | 40.3 | 7.56 | 7.36 |
| TRANSPORTATION EQUIP. | 9.2 | 9.2 | 9.6 | - | -400 | 422.68 | 420.16 | 39.8 | 40.4 | 10.62 | 10.40 |
| INSTRUMENTS | 5.0* | 5.0* | 5.0* | - | - | 322.44 | 327.51 | 41.4 | 42.7 | 8.03 | 7.67 |
| JEWELRY-SILVERWARE | 23.9 | 23.8 | 23.4 | +100 | +500 | 258.55 | 249.24 | 39.9 | 40.2 | 6.48 | 6.20 |
| MISCELLANEOUS MFG. | 5.7 | 5.7 | 6.0 | - | -300 | 256.26 | 257.63 | 36.4 | 36.7 | 7.04 | 7.02 |
| NONDURABLE GOODS | 38.1 | 37.9 | 37.7 | +200 | +400 | 334.40 | 323.20 | 40.0 | 40.4 | 8.36 | 8.00 |
| FOOD-BEVERAGE | 3.3 | 3.2 | 3.2 | +100 | +100 | 294.50 | 268.71 | 38.0 | 37.9 | 7.75 | 7.09 |
| TEXTILES | 10.3 | 10.4 | 10.5 | -100 | -200 | 306.06 | 397.77 | 40.7 | 41.3 | 7.52 | 7.21 |
| APPAREL | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.2 | - | - | 290.11 | 275.18 | 42.6 | 42.4 | 6.81 | 6.57 |
| PAPER PRODUCTS | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.5 | - | -100 | 302.91 | 313.65 | 41.1 | 42.1 | 7.37 | 7.45 |
| PRINTING-PUBLISHING | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.9 | +100 | - | 424.50 | 428.54 | 37.5 | 39.1 | 11.32 | 10.96 |
| CHEMICAL PRODUCTS | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | - | - | 427.43 | 414.28 | 40.4 | 40.3 | 10.58 | 10.28 |
| RUBBER PRODUCTS | 1.4 | 1.3 | 1.2 | +100 | +200 | 351.05 | 327.10 | 42.5 | 41.3 | 8.26 | 7.92 |
| PLASTICS PRODUCTS | 5.1 | 5.1 | 4.8 | - | +300 | 337.74 | 309.29 | 40.4 | 39.2 | 8.36 | 7.89 |
| LEATHER PRODUCTS | 2.4 | 2.4 | 2.3 | - | +100 | 229.49 | 219.70 | 38.7 | 39.8 | 5.93 | 5.52 |

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Primary Metals (+300), Fabricated Metals (+200) and Lumber/Furniture (+100). In contrast, the largest annual employment declines were recorded in Transportation Equipment (-400) and the Miscellaneous Manufacturing segment (-300). Also down from their year ago job totals were Electrical Machinery (-200) and Stone-Clay-Glass (-100). Employment in Nonelectrical Machinery and Instruments was unchanged for the twelve month period.

Among the Nondurable Goods producing industries, monthly job gains of 100 each in Food-Beverage, Printing-Publishing and Rubber Products overshadowed a decrease of 100 in Textiles. Employment levels in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries showed no change for the month. Compared to June 1986, the most notable increase in payroll levels was evident in Plastics Products (+300). Annual upturns were also registered in Rubber Products (+200), Food-Beverage (+100) and Leather Products (+100). In contrast, job levels in Textiles (-200) and Paper Products (-100) were down from the previous year. Employment in the remaining Nondurable Goods industries was unchanged compared to the same month a year ago.

## NONMANUFACTURING

Total employment in Rhode Island's Nonmanufacturing sector declined by 600 in the May-June period, mainly due to education-related decreases in Services and Government. Although the current total of 330,600 was below the May figure, it was 5,600 greater than the June 1986 level of 325,000.

Within the Nonmanufacturing sector, the most substantial monthly increase (+1,600) occurred in Wholesale and Retail Trade. At 101,700, Trade payroll levels were also up 1,100 from the previous June. Employment in Contract Construction advanced by 500 from last month to the current figure of 18,900, which was 600 above the year earlier total. Both Services employment, at 110,700, and total Government, at 58,700, reported education-related decreases of 2,500 and 500, respectively. Compared to a year ago, however, the former was up 2,200, while the latter increased by 1,100 jobs. Transportation and Public Utilities employment, at 15,100, rose by 200 on both a monthly and an annual basis. The current Finance, Insurance and Real Estate job total of 25,500 represents an increase of 100 from the May level and is 400 above the figure recorded a year ago.

## HOURS AND EARNINGS

Average hourly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers increased by 1 cent to $8.21 in mid-June; this represents a gain of 30 cents compared to one year ago. The average work week increased by 0.2 of an hour in June to 40.4 hours, but was 0.3 of an hour less than the June 1986 work week. Average weekly earnings for Rhode Island's production workers in June amounted to $331.68 representing an increase of $2.04 from last month and $9.74 from June of last year.

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